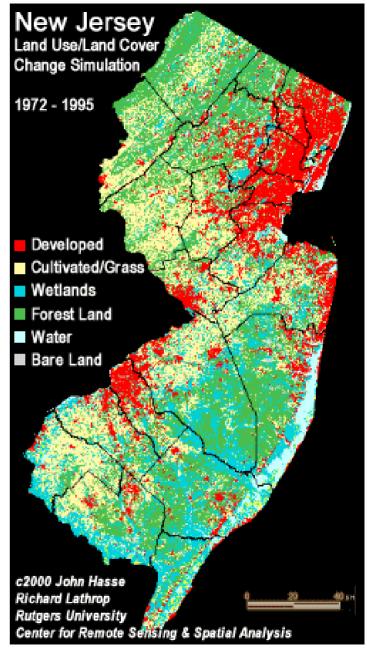
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Options for Environmental Preservation

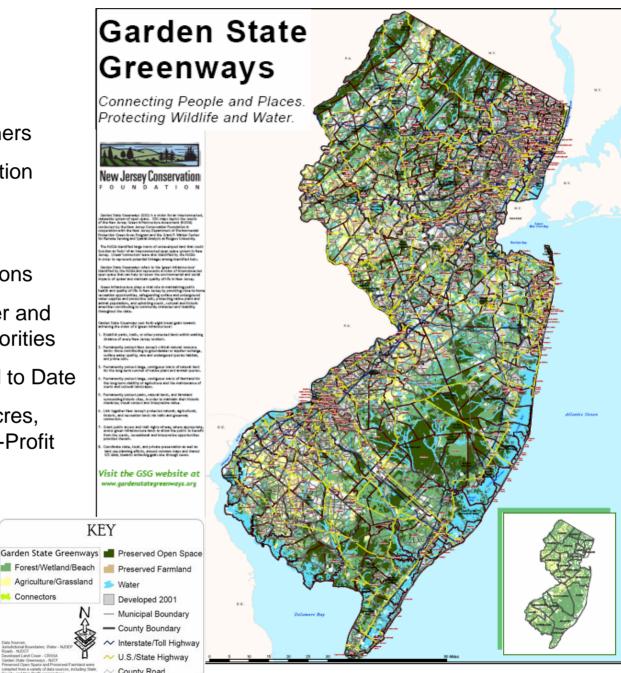




1. Fee Simple Acquisition

- Voluntary Sale by Landowners
- Effective Equity Compensation
- Precludes Commercial and Residential Development
- Virtually Perpetual Restrictions
- Geographic Focus on Water and Other Natural Resource Priorities
- 1,190,323 Acres Preserved to Date
- Uses Established Green Acres, County, Municipal and Non-Profit Programs

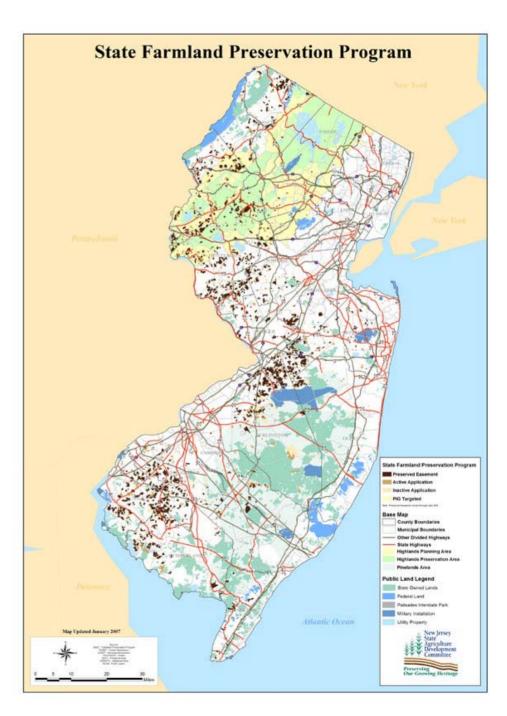




2. Purchase of Development Rights

- Voluntary Sale by Landowners
- Effective Equity Compensation
- Precludes Non-Agricultural Development
- Perpetual Deed of Easement
- Agricultural Development Areas Establish Geographic Focus
- 1, 556 Farms / 157,307 Acres in159 Municipalities Preserved to Date
- Uses Established SADC, CADB, Municipal PIG and Non-Profit Programs







3. Large Lot Zoning / Downzoning

- Municipality Increases Minimum Lot Size
- Reduces Development Density, Usually Residential
- Sometimes Referred to as "Planned Sprawl"

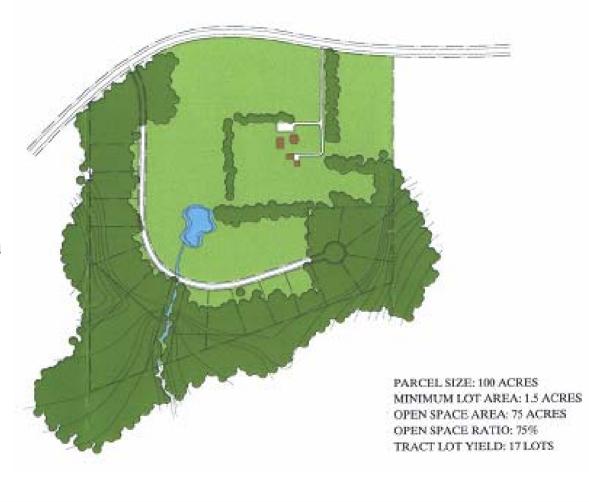




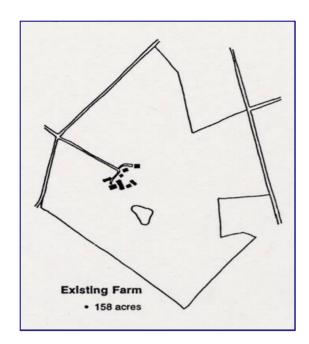


4. Cluster Zoning

- Concentrates Development on a Portion of a Property
- Preserves Remainder of Property
- Can be Used for Agricultural, Environmental and/or Recreational Purposes
- Can be Implemented on a Voluntary or Mandatory Basis
- Can Include Lot Size Averaging and Open Lands Ratios

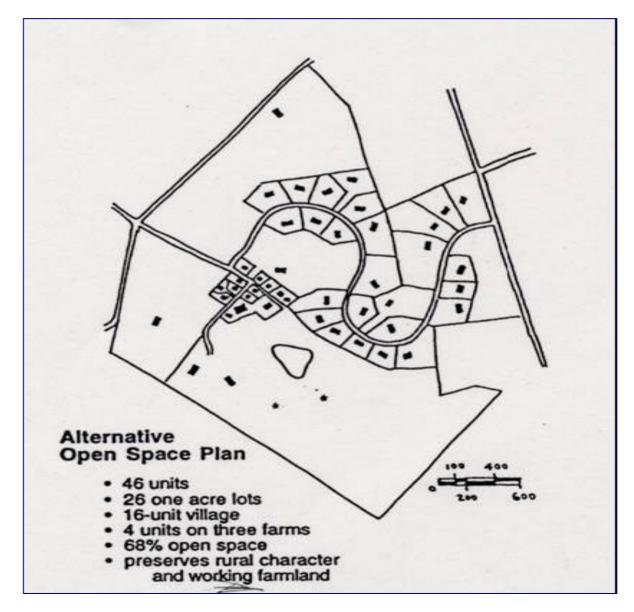






Conventional 'By-Right' Plan • 38 units • 3+ acre lots • No open space • No rural character

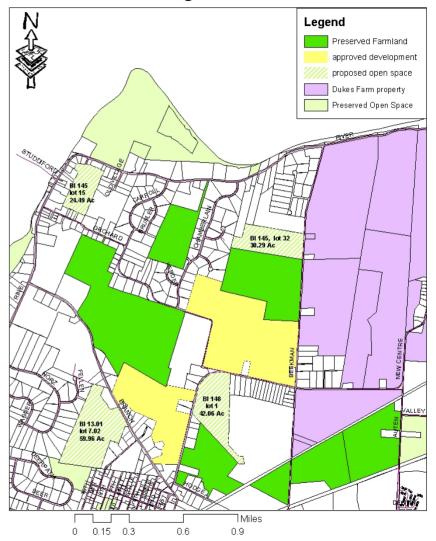
Conventional vs. Cluster Development



5. Non-Contiguous Clustering

- Incorporated into Municipal Land Use Law in 1996
- One "Planned Development" Option
- Requires Coordination of Municipality, Landowners and Developer
- Sending Area Parcel(s) Permanently Preserved
- Receiving Area Parcel Developed At Higher than Normally Permitted Density
- Parcels may be Miles Apart
- Can Contribute to Center-Based Development
- May Require Density or Infrastructure Incentives

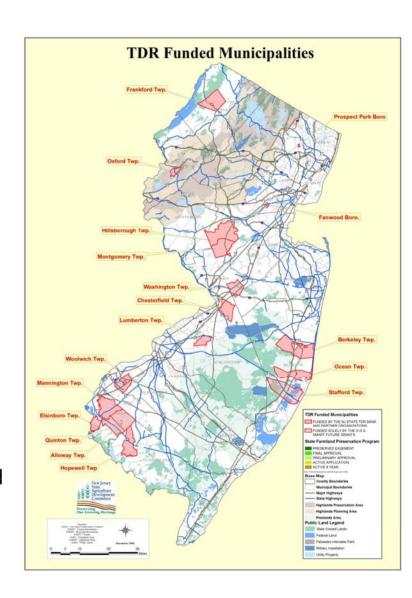
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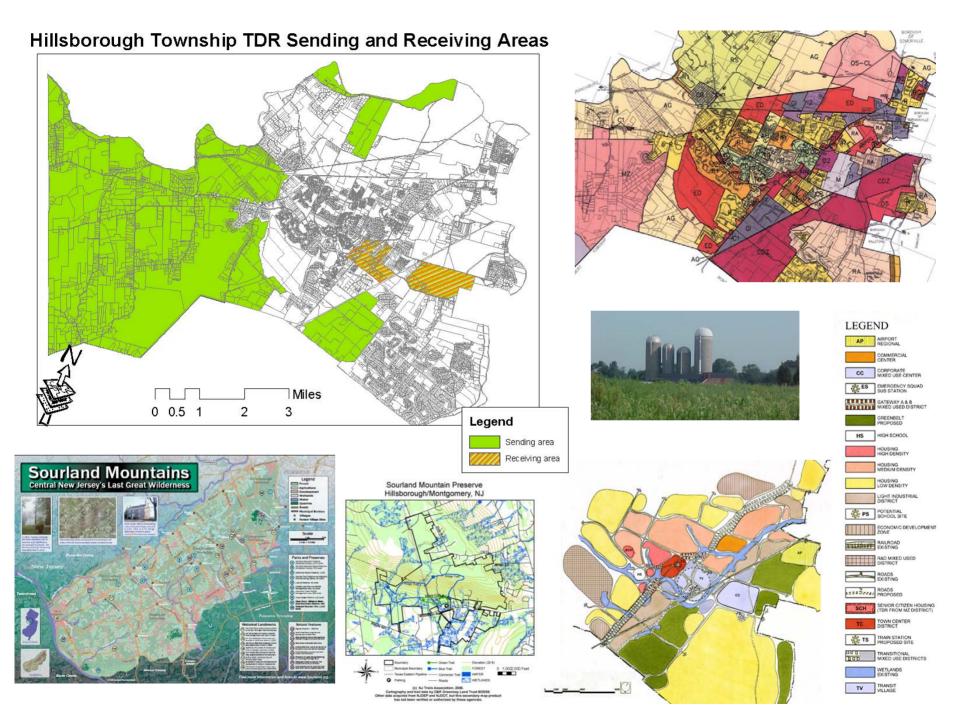


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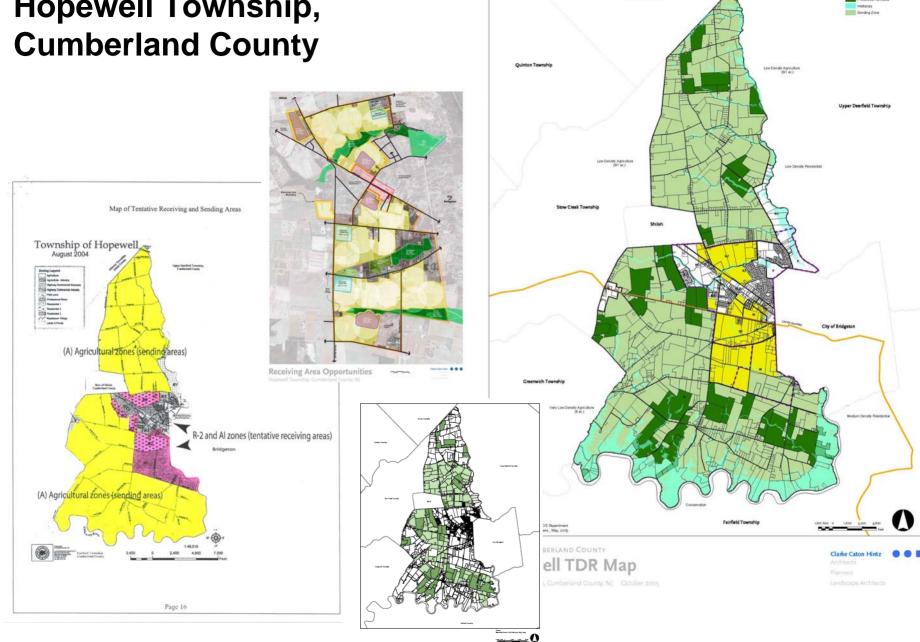
6. Transfer of Development Rights

- ❖ A Municipal Planning and Preservation Tool / Realty Transfer Mechanism
- Used to Permanently Protect Agricultural, Historic and/or Environmental Resources while Accommodating Development in Well-Planned Receiving Areas
- Allows Landowners in Designated Sending Areas to Separate the Development Rights of Their Property from the Property Itself for Sale and Use in Receiving Areas
- Enables Developers who Purchase Development Credits to Build in Areas Deemed Appropriate for Growth at Densities Higher than Otherwise Permitted
- Protects Landowner Equity
- Can Provide Benefits to Landowners, Developers and Municipalities
- Relies on Private Transactions Between Landowners and Developers but Can Involve TDR Banks or Private Investors





Hopewell Township,



PIG Target Area